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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/58/561.

2. At its 17th meeting, on 7 November 2003, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/58/101) concerning the vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that would occur as a result of the expiration of the term of office of five of its members on 31 December 2003.

3. The Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/5) containing the names of nine persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

4. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Committee that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran had withdrawn the candidature of Seyed Morteza Mirmohammad.

5. Also at its 17th meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland) and E. Besley Maycock (Barbados) as members of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 (see para. 11).

6. The Committee had before it a letter dated 6 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the

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President of the General Assembly (A/58/553). Statements made in the Committee are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/58/SR.17).

7. The Committee then proceeded to select, by secret ballot, two persons from the three candidates proposed by the African States and one person from the three candidates proposed by the Asian States. The result of the voting was as follows:

African States

Number of ballots cast:	187
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	187
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	185
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana)	165
Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire)	148
C. S. M. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)	53

Asian States

Number of ballots cast:	187
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	186
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	184
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal)	78
Sun Joun-yung (Republic of Korea)	57
Felipe Mabilangan (Philippines)	49

8. Having obtained the required majority, Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana) and Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) were recommended for appointment as members of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 (see para. 11).

9. In accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee proceeded to a second round of secret balloting for the two candidates proposed by the Asian States who had obtained the largest number of votes. The result of the voting was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	187
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	186
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	185
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal)	113
Sun Joun-yung (Republic of Korea)	72

10. Having obtained the required majority, Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal) was recommended for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 (see para. 11).

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

11. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004:

Mr. Andrzej T. Abraszewski (Poland)
Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire)
Mr. Collen V. Kelapile (Botswana)
Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados)
Mr. Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal)